

## MORMONS.

## POLITICS, RELIGION AND AMUSEMENTS.

## Anniversary Celebration of the Settlement of Salt Lake City.

Mutual Admiration of George Francis Train and Brigham Young—Brigham on the Stage and George Francis in the Pulpit—Train Preaches Treason in the Tabernacle—Base Ball, the British Blondes and Negro Minstrels.

SALT LAKE CITY, July 30, 1870.

This earthly Zion is just now a land of plenty of politics and amusements as well as of religion. Among the orthodox Mormon population religion, like the "lean knee" in Pharaoh's dream, swallows everything. If a prosperous apostate is to be ruined in his business, if a laboring man who has been excommunicated for his independence is to be refused employment in consequence, if a sister is to be made "perfect through suffering," if a widow is to be despoiled of her property or money to pay the Prophet, if any new temporal or spiritual scheme to better life or rob the people and enrich the priesthood is concocted, it is all done in a sanctimonious style, "in the name and for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen." Self-righteousness, insincerity and swindling are among the many things which make Mormonism of such small repute in the eyes of other people. During the last two days the New Tabernacle has been the scene of services that formed a curious combination. On Sunday, after preaching by one of the apostles, there was an amusing representation by a clever clown, and then, religion and recreation being as quickly changed for politics, the congregation was turned into a political procession, and the saints, headed by their Prophet and a band of music, marched to the railroad depot, whence a special train conveyed the Prophet, the clowns, the apostles and a host of other saints to Ogden, to welcome home the Mormon delegate to Congress. On Monday there was a public celebration of the twenty-third anniversary of the arrival of the Mormons in "this valley of the mountains," during which the re-nomination of the delegate was ratified. The sacredness, solemnity and "divinity" of the proceedings were "sealed" by Brigham's benediction. On both occasions slanders upon the people of the United States and treason against our government were preached and applauded.

To begin with the amusements. On Friday evening last Mr. Walter Montgomery, an English elocutionist, "the Edwin Booth of England," who has come to this country from the colonies all unheralded, read selections from the standard poets and produced a favorable impression upon a large and appreciative audience. He is en route to New York and other eastern cities, whose inhabitants will have opportunities of witnessing his extraordinary attainments.

The clown that I referred to in the preceding paragraph is George Francis Train. He was announced to lecture in the theatre on the following evening. Brigham Young, acting as his harlequin, accompanied him on the stage to introduce him to the audience. I have often seen Brigham at the theatre, but this was to me his first appearance on the stage, notwithstanding he has been "starring" it among the Mormons for nearly a quarter of a century in what some of them style his celebrated role of "heavy villain." The attempted introduction in itself was ludicrous. Both came on the stage together; Brigham bowed to George Francis, George Francis bowed to Brigham; neither said anything; both smiled for a while; Brigham shuffled out, leaving George Francis at the footlights and the audience mingling their applause with laughter. The sequel of Train's sojourn among the Mormons has been completely George Francis has toiled to Brigham and Brigham to George Francis. When Brigham finds a fool that he can use he is smart enough to use him, and in this respect George Francis is no exception. He is a public capacity like this, to tell me we are having here as well as in the East, it is really refreshing to see two such acknowledged humbugs thus humbugging each other. Train delivered one of his usual eccentric, epigrammatic remarks on the subject of the Mormons, "piling them on the agony" of the Mormons, and George Francis, or to put it as he put it, George Francis Train and Brigham Young. He pulled into the Gentiles and praised the Mormons, whose sufferings he said he himself had known, and then he turned to the Gentiles and said that the United States in 1870. On Sunday afternoon George Francis was at the Tabernacle, and sat among the Twelve Apostles. On this occasion he appeared in his character of preacher. A few apostles, George Francis, and a few of the saints while and when the sermon was being administered, he introduced George Francis, who regarded the congregation with one of his characteristic speeches. Again he praised Brigham Young, the Mormons and their prophet, and then, as if he had been gone down before to-day. He considered himself a swindle and believed in the virtue of assumption. He told the Mormons that he had been a longer act on the defensive; they had played defendant long enough; it was now time for them to play plaintiff and the time had come for them to carry the war into the East. He informed them that he had been a longer act on the defensive; they had played defendant long enough; it was now time for them to play plaintiff and the time had come for them to carry the war into the East.

The twenty-third anniversary of the arrival of the pioneer party of the Saints in this valley of Salt Lake was celebrated yesterday. The anniversary of the day came this year on Sunday, but the celebration was postponed till Monday. The Fourth of July is of less consequence to the Saints than the 24th; in fact, the 24th is their "Independence Day." It was ushered in at sunrise by the booming of cannon, after which flags were raised on public and private buildings. The secular and Sabbath school, with their flags and banners, met in their war meeting house, and the pioneers, apostles and other prominent officials at the City Hall, and then all proceeded from their respective rendezvous to the New Tabernacle, where the "Saints of all ages" assembled to participate in the celebration services. These were opened with singing by the choir, after which the chaplain of the church, Elder Wilford Woodruff, offered up a prayer, and Captain Crook's band played an appropriate air, the original words to which I believe are "O God, bless Brigham Young." Elder Orson Pratt, one of the pioneers as well as one of the twelve apostles, then delivered an extemporaneous oration in which he alluded to the persecutions, privations and perils of the Saints from the organization of their church, through all their "wanderings in the wilderness" to the present period; pointed out what he believed to be the superiority of their principles over those of all other Christian denominations; how the Saints of all ages had been guided through all their wanderings through all vicissitudes, and how polygamy was the crowning glory of all their divinely appointed institutions. Orson Pratt has lately received a nomination for polygamy. He is a perfect patriarch in years and is surrounded by a large family, notwithstanding he had already and still has several other wives whom he refuses to support. And yet Pratt will preach for hours upon the beauties and blessings of polygamy.

After Orson Pratt sat down Bishop McAllister sang a song, George A. Smith related some historical reminiscences of the Mormons, and Brigham Young did the same in his characteristic colloquial style, all designed to elucidate the virtues and wisdom of the Saints and the wickedness and folly of their enemies. Every opportunity is embraced to inflame the masses of the Mormons against the people and government of the United States. Young, like the rest, gave utterance to many misrepresentations, interspersed with some swearing and some slanders. It was an insult to the Stars and Stripes to have them displayed in the tabernacle at their treacherous celebration services. One incident of the scene was Young humbugging Hooper, the delegate to Congress, for political effect. The Prophet said that he had his approval of the delegate. Hooper was proposed for re-election in October, the nomination was unanimously ratified by a show of hands, including those of all the children, and then all the men and women were asked to vote at the election. Then there were loud calls for George Francis Train, who solemnly sat in the seat of the apostles, but he was not brought forward. The choir sang "How Beautiful Among the Mountains" and Brigham Young pronounced the benediction. While the assembly was dispersing a salute of fifteen guns was fired in honor of Brigham Young, his two councillors and the twelve apostles. A territorial salute was fired at sundown and the celebration was closed with a display of fireworks.

During the afternoon, as the day was a general holiday, two rival base ball clubs, composed of some of the rising gentle generation of Salt Lake City, played a game of ball, which attracted a good deal of attention. Two thousand people were present as spectators. On a previous occasion the Corliss club won, but on this they were badly beaten by the Salt Lake team.

## SARATOGA RACES.

The second meeting of the Saratoga races will commence on Friday, August 12, and continue six days. The following horses have been entered for the several races:

First Day.

1. Belmont's ch. c. Telegram, by Censor, dam Imp. Maid.
2. Belmont's ch. c. Nellie James, by Dollar, dam Fleur de Champagne.
3. James Smith's ch. f. Rejected, by Imp. Lexington, dam Columbia.
4. Thos. W. Boswell's ch. f. Bellicite, by Imp. Eclipse, dam Nina.
5. M. A. Little's ch. f. Maggie B. B., by Australian, dam Madeline.
6. W. H. Babcock's ch. c. Prockness, by Lexington, dam Bay Leaf.
7. Denison & Crawford's ch. f. by Censor, dam Imp. Anglaise.
8. W. C. Coffey's ch. c. Fireball, by Lightning, dam Dixie (Horse's dam).
9. Hunter & Travers's ch. c. Sealcock, by Imp. Eclipse, dam Peggy Washington.
10. D. McDaniel's ch. c. Belmont, by Lexington, dam Alabama.
11. J. J. O'Fallon's ch. c. Gov. Bowie, by Imp. Lexington, dam Dixie.
12. J. J. O'Fallon's ch. c. Wm. R. Travers, by Uncle Sam, dam Imp. Sunny South.
13. P. P. Hall's ch. c. Major, by Eugene, dam by Censor.
14. McCormack & Page's ch. c. Hamburg, by Lexington, dam by Churchill.
15. W. H. Babcock's ch. c. Mary Foster, by Australian, dam Bay Leaf.
16. F. Morris's ch. f. Remorseless, by Imp. Eclipse, dam Barbary.
17. F. Morris's ch. f. Temptation, by Imp. Eclipse, dam Mollie Jackson.
18. Bacon & Holland's ch. c. Lynchburg, by Imp. Lexington, dam Dixie.
19. Joseph McConnell's ch. c. Caulicoch, by Lexington, dam Lila.
20. Chas. & Crawford's ch. f. Flash of Lightning, by Lightning, dam City Boy.
21. George Caldwell's ch. c. M. L. by Australian, dam Dolly Morgan.
22. T. G. Moore's ch. c. McClosky, by Lexington, dam Laura.
23. T. G. Moore's ch. c. Foster, by Lexington, dam Verona.
24. A. Biondi's ch. c. Enquirer, by Imp. Lexington, dam by Lexington.
25. John Franklin's ch. f. Lady Perry, by Lexington, dam Dixie.

SECOND RACE—THE STERILE HANDICAP—For all ages, two and a quarter miles, \$50 entrance; \$25 forfeit; \$1,000 added; winner to appear list of August.

1. Fisher & Carson's ch. b. Sir Archibald (late Jo McConnell), 5 years, by Rorie, dam Daisy.
2. Governor O. Bowie's ch. b. Potomac, 4 years, by Bonerale, dam Uddine.
3. Governor O. Bowie's ch. b. Hologate, 4 years, by Lexington, dam Dixie.
4. Purdy & Withers's ch. m. Tasmania, 4 years, by Australian, dam Marie George.
5. Denison & Crawford's ch. b. Narragansett, 4 years, by Lexington, dam Dixie.
6. Bacon & Holland's ch. b. Corsican, 5 years, by Imp. Vic, dam Imp. Sovereign.
7. Bacon & Holland's ch. b. Douglas, 4 years, by Rogers, dam Wagner.
8. Bacon & Holland's ch. c. Mozart, 3 years, by Australian, dam Dixie.
9. F. Morris's ch. c. Cavalier, 3 years, by Eclipse, dam Edouette.
10. W. H. Babcock's ch. b. Heimbold, 4 years, by Imp. Lexington, dam Dixie.
11. Joseph O. Simpson's ch. m. Columbia, 5 years, by Imp. Lexington, dam Young Fashion.
12. Joseph O. Simpson's ch. m. Virginia, 4 years, by Imp. Lexington, dam Young Fashion.
13. W. Jennings's ch. m. Bonita, 5 years, by Lexington, dam Bunker.

THIRD RACE—FREE HANDICAP—For all ages, three-fourths of a mile.

1. James R. Smith's ch. b. Earl of Richmond, by Asteroid, dam Margaret Anderson.
2. D. McDaniel's ch. c. Lady Elizabeth, by Asteroid, dam Womala.
3. George P. Wetmore's ch. c. by Breckinridge, dam Womala.
4. Leonard Jerome's ch. f. Dolly Fisher, by Kentucky, dam Blue Ribbon.
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FOURTH RACE—FREE HANDICAP—For all ages, three-fourths of a mile; weights for the race of all horses at Saratoga to appear by twelve o'clock the day previous and acceptance to be made by four o'clock.

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